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MINISTER PRENTICE ANNOUNCES REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGARET NAZON TO THE GWICH'IN LAND AND WATER BOARD

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OTTAWA (May 17, 2007) - The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, today announced the reappointment of Ms. Margaret Nazon to the Gwich'in Land and Water Board (GLWB) (external link, opens a new window)

"We look forward to Ms. Nazon's ongoing contributions as a member of the Gwich'in Land and Water Board," said Minister Prentice. "This reappointment will help the Board to continue its important conservation and land management work in the Gwich'in Settlement Area."

Ms. Nazon is a past Vice-President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council and has served as a member of the Gwich'in Land and Water Board for the last three years. Ms. Nazon is also a Senior Instructor of Traditional Arts at Aurora College in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. She is of Gwich'in descent, and has spent most of her life in the Gwich'in Settlement Area pursuing traditional activities on the land.

Created in 1998, under the auspices of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, the Gwich'in Land and Water Board regulates the use of land and water in the Gwich'in Settlement Area of the Northwest Territories. The Board is responsible for administration of Land Use Permits and Water Licences on Crown, Gwich'in or privately held land in the Gwich'in Settlement Area.

The GLWB includes five members: two members are nominated by the Gwich'in Tribal Council, one member is nominated by the Government of the Northwest Territories and another by the Government of Canada. Members of the Board are responsible for nomination of the Chair.

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